

LEAF VALLEY TOWNSHIP

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CLERK called the March 08, 2016 Annual Meeting to order @ 9:20 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 40 residents attending the meeting. The meeting was called to order late due to the 210 ballots that needed to be counted.

Clerk asked if there a volunteer to moderate the 2016 meeting. Motion was made by Brent Ost second by Brad Ruckheim that Dale Diedrich moderates the meeting. Clerk asked for other nominations, with no other nominations motion carried for Dale Diedrich to moderate meeting.

Clerk read the minutes of the March 10, 2015 Annual Meeting, correction was made to the dimensions of the addition for the hall, should be 40x36. Motion was made by Brent Ost second by Joe Wussow to accept minutes with correction to the minutes. No further discussion motion carried.

Dale asked that all review the 2015 financial printout that was prepared and available. He reviewed expense, income, and summary reports. He asked if there were any questions and concerns. After a brief review and discussion motion was made by Leon Cuperus second by Brad Ruckheim to accept the financial report, no other discussion motion carried.

Dale explained reasons why the Board proposed decreasing the 2017 General Fund levy to \$90,000.00, from \$110,000.00 2016 levy, and earmarking \$10,000.00 of the \$90,000.00 into the Hall Maintenance Fund. Motion was made by Marvin Thoennes second by Joe Wussow to set the 2017 General Fund levy to \$90,000.00, earmarking \$10,000.00 into H.M. Fund, no other discussion motion carried.

The Board proposed to keep the 2017 Road/Bridge Levy @ \$130,000.00, same as 2016. There are couple major road projects, turn around @ Schuelke Bh Rd, matting on 2/3 other township roads, plus the normal gravel application. Motion was made by Joe Wussow second by Marvin Thoennes to set the 2017 Road/Bridge Levy @ \$130,000.00, no other discussion motion carried.

The Board and Fire Department proposed to keep the 2017 Fire Fund levy @ \$24,000.00, same as 2016. A newer step-van was purchased and will soon be ready for fire calls. Motion was made by Brad Ruckheim second by Jessie Bodell to set the 2017 Fire Fund levy @ \$24,000.00,

no other discussion motion carried. Bruce Springer made motion second by Leon Cuperus to put into the L.V. Fire Relief Fund \$100.00 per each fireman, 15 in the dept., no other discussion motion carried.

Lucrezia Campbell asked if there could be any possibility that the township could chloride Little Ida Beach Rd and other township roads. Dale explained by not applying chloride for the last several years exactly how much money saved the township; that decision was made at an annual meeting several years ago. It was mentioned since the road/bridge fund had sufficient funds that could the Board change that decision. There were several township residents that voiced concerns about why some of the high traffic gravel roads need to have chloride application and that the township could pay for it. Motion was made by Lucrezia Campbell second by Chris Kronabetter to apply chloride to township gravel roads and the township pay for this service, no other discussion Dale asked for a show of hands in favor of this project, there were nine (9) in favor, show of hands there were seventeen (17) not in favor. Motion did not pass. Dale did remind all that this subject is not closed, he will talk with residents on many gravel roads and it will be discussed at the March meeting and Board will try to resolve this issue. It was mentioned if there was a motion at an annual meeting and it passed that that motion cannot be changed, only at another annual meeting. Dale explained it can be changed if it is for the good of the township.

Dale asked all to review the Town Hall comparison print out and if there were any questions and concerns. It was mentioned that the price of propane is considerably less because price was lower in 2015. Brent Ost informed everyone that there were three (3) different bids for the addition onto north side of the upper and lower section of hall, 40x36. Fire department is in need of more storage for equipment and the addition onto upper level would be for storage, tables, chairs, and dollies when all are not needed, this would also give a bit more seating room to upper level. It was asked if this addition was needed, that there is enough room in fire hall for all rigs. Storage, office and truck space is needed for the fire department. It was also decided a year ago to get bids and move forward accordingly. NOTHING other than getting bids was completed. Motion was made by Joe Wussow second by Marvin Thoennes to move forward with the addition project and to get it started as soon as possible, no other discussion motion carried.

Dale then gave the election results:		total of 210 ballots cast
Supervisor 3 year term	Dale Diedrich	131 votes
	Bruce Campbell (write-in)	79 votes
Clerk 2 year term	Pam Cuperus	194
	Blank/write-in	16 votes

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There was no other Township business needing to be addressed, Dale Thanked everyone for their support for re-electing him and the support they show for the entire Board, and for attending this meeting. He reminded everyone to continue to attend the monthly meetings all concerns will be addressed. Motion was made by Harold Guenther second by Sandy Dittberner to adjourn motion carried. 10:15 p.m.

**THESE MINUTES WHERE READ, SIGNED, AND APPROVED AT THE 2017 ANNUAL MEETING ON
MARCH 14, 2017.**